

REMARKS

Without agreeing that no generic claims are allowable, Applicant agrees with the examiner's sorting of pending claims sorted between his Species 1 and Species 2, distinguished by the type of coupling means, and the concomitant list of generic claims in his office action at para. 1.

Applicant hereby provisionally elects to prosecute the claims of Species 1 (Claims 4 - 6, 12 - 14, 16 and 19), corresponding to Figures 1 - 4, should no generic claim be held allowable.

Applicant makes this election without prejudice to his right to file a divisional application and/or continuation or take such other appropriate measures as deemed necessary to protect the novelty as claimed in Species 2. Hence, Applicant waives no rights therefor nor abandons any subject matter.

Applicant has fully and completely responded to the Office Action and has made the required election. Applicant therefore believes that this application now is in order for early consideration on the merits. Applicant further believe that this application is in condition for allowance, which allowance Applicant respectfully requests.

Respectfully submitted:



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